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TAGS: PINS, SNAR, CO, MEX, CU
SUBJECT:PRESS GUIDANCE ON QUOTE CUBA: CASTRO REGIME USING
NARCOTICSMUGGLERSTO FUNNEL ARMS AND FUNDS TO GUERRILLAS
UNQUOTE
1. DEPARTMENT REPEATS BELOW TEXT OF SUBJECT GUIDANCE
IN Q AND A FORMAT DATED JANUARY 26, 1982.
2. BEGIN TEXT: CUBA: CASTRO RE;IME USING NARCOTICS
SMUGGLERS TO FUNNEL ARMS AND FUNDS TO GUERRILLAS.^_
Q: WHAT CAN YOU SAY TO CONFIRM PRESS REPORTS THAT
THE CUBANS HAVE BEEN USING NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS
TO FUNNEL ARMS TO GUERRILLAS?
A: WE HAVE INFORMATION THAT THE CASTRO REGIME SINCE 1980
HAS BEEN USING A COLOMBIAN NARCOTICS RING TO FUNNEL ARMS
AS WELL AS FUNDS TO COLOMBIAN M-19 GUERRILLAS. THIS
NARCOTICS RING WAS LED BY JAIME GUILLOT LARA, A COLOMBIAN
DRUG-TRAFFICKER NOW IN CUSTODY IN MEXICO. HE HAS ADMITTED
TO WORKING FOR HAVANA IN PURCHASING ARMS FOR THE M-19.
WE HAVE INFORMATION THAT GUILLOT TRAVELLED TWICE TO CUBA
SINCE OCTOBER 1981 AND ON THE SECOND VISIT HE RECEIVED
DOLS. 700,000 FROM THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT TO PURCHASE ARMS
FOR THE COLOMBIAN M-19 GUERRILLAS. LAST
OCTOBER HE PLAYED A PRINCIPAL ROLE IN TRANSFERRING
THE ARMS HE PURCHASED FROM A SHIP TO A COLOMBIAN PLANE
HIJACKED BY THE M-19. IN ADDITION TO ARMS, GUILLOT
REPORTEDLY ALSO TRANSFERRED FUNDS TO THE GUERRILLAS
THROUGH AN EMPLOYEE OF A PANAMANIAN BANK. HE MAINTAINED
CONTACT WITH THE CUBAN DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN BOGOTA,
INCLUDING THE AMBASSADOR, UNTIL THAT MISSION WAS CLOSED^

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LAST MARCH BECAUSE CUBA IS TRAINING M-19 GUERRILLAS
IN RETURN FOR GUILLOT'S [illegible] CUBANS FACILITATED
THE RING'S TRAFFICKING BY PERMITTING MOTHER SHIPS CARRYING
MARIJUANA TO TAKE SANCTUARY IN CUBAN WATERS WHILE AWAITING
FEEDER BOATS FROM THE BAHAMAS AND FLORIDA. ONE SUCH
MOTHER SHIP DETAINED BY CUBAN AUTHORITIES WAS RELEASED
AFTER GUILLOT PROTESTED TO THE CUUAN AMBASSADOR IN
BOGOTA, ACCORDING TO A RELATIVE OF GUILLOT.
GUILLOT HAS ALSO ADMITTED THAT A FUTURE SHIPMENT OF
ARMS WAS TO BE SENT TO AN UNSPECIFIED GROUP IN BOLIVIA.
THESE ARMS, ACCORDING TO GUILLOT, WERE TO BE SUPPLIED
BY AN INDIVIDUAL IN MIAMI NAMED JOHNNY, WHO HAS BEEN
IDENTIFIED AS JOHNNY CRUMP, A NARCOTICS AND ARMS TRAFFICKER
NOW BEING DETAINED IN MIAMI ON NARCOTICS CHARGES.
WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS CASE WITH GREAT INTEREST
SINCE IT IS THE FIRST FIRM INFORMATION WE HAVE WHICH
IMPLICATES CUBA IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. IT ALSO
CONFIRMS THROUGH AN INDEPENDENT SOURCE WHAT WE HAVE
SUSPECTED, THAT DESPITE CUBAN DENIALS, CUBA HAS PROVIDED
ARMS TO THE COLOMBIAN M-19 GUERRILAS IN ADDITION TO^

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TRAINING THEM.
Q: DID CUBA EVER ADMIT TO TRAINING THE M-19 GUERRILLAS
WHO RETURNED TO COLOMBIA LAST SPRING?
A: CUBAN VICE PRESIDENT, CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ,
IN AN INTERVIEW IN THE SEPTEMBER 28 ISSUE OF THE GERMAN
MAGAZINE DER SPIEGEL, ADMITTED THAT CUBA TRAINS COLOMBIAN
GUERRILLAS.
Q: IS THE UNITED STATES GOING TO EXTRADITE
MR. GUILLOT FROM MEXICO?
A: I WILL HAVE TO REFER YOU TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.
3. WE HAVE PROVIDED COPY TO COLOMBIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON
D.C. AND REQUEST THAT YOU PASS COPIES TO APPROPRIATE
;OC CONTACTS IN BOGOTA. STOESSEL
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